

LOCAL BREVITIES

From Monday's Daily.

Will Everly and Charlie Turner went to Indianapolis today on business.

Mrs. J. O. Thomas and children are spending the holidays at South Bend.

Mrs. O. A. Gandy and little son Russell went to South Bend Christmas for a week's visit.

Harry Quivy, of Fort Wayne spent Christmas in Plymouth with friends, returned home last night.

The express agents in this city will not have such a load to carry this week. The rush is over.

The Ladies' of the M. E. Church will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. McMaster South Michigan street.

Soloman Walters, of Rochester, spent Christmas with his brother William, of South Plymouth.

Harry Davis, of the South Bend Tribune, spent Christmas with his parents in this city.

Mrs. Soneborn and daughter, of Laporte spent Christmas with W. H. Love and wife of East Laporte street.

Unless there comes a big change in the temperature, the ice harvest will begin in earnest this week.

James Smith and Sam Brick, of Pullman, Ill., spent Saturday and Sunday with their families in this city.

Chryst Stryker and Zehina Hoff were married at 1:30 at the M. E. Parsonage yesterday.

Post Master Cinger, was the recipient of a box of cigars on Christmas day. He is at a loss to know who his friendly donor is.

Mrs. Walter Rynolds and little daughter, of Argos spent Sunday with Walt. They returned to Argos this morning.

Misses Emma and Edna Yockey can be seen almost every day cosily seated in a beautiful cutter, which was presented to them by their father as a Christmas gift.

The Physical Cultural club will not meet tonight as has been announced, but their meeting has been postponed until Jan. 3rd. Members will please take notice.

Miss Ella Dickey, who was arrested by Constable Baxter a few days ago did not appear for trial. Her case was dismissed, but she is not yet out of danger as she is liable for arrest at any moment.

Doctors Borton and Aspinall and Mrs. Aspinall, took dinner with Prosper Mickey and wife Sunday. They speak in glowing terms of the management of the county infirmary.

There was one Sunday "jag" in Plymouth. He was arranged before Justice Reeves, who dished up the "fine and filling." The same was stayed and his "jagship" went home.

It is reported that Herb Gray, of Peru, and formerly of Argos will arrive in this city March the 24th in response to an acceptance of his proposal of marriage to a young lady of West Plymouth.

Russell Tanner has a brace of jet black rabbits, one of which is now on exhibition at Tanner's drug store. They are beauties, and something that you don't meet with every day.

The Farmers Insurance company of Marshall county were in session today to adjust the loss of James Schroder. This is one of the best insurance companies in the country.

We can not publish the long article in reply to one which appeared in the Independent of Dec. 23. The article is no doubt true but as the writer did not sign his name we can not publish it.

Miss Maxwell is an enthusiast on her instrument. She delights audiences wherever she goes with her charming and youthful appearance and fine execution.—Lafayette Daily Call. At the opera house Saturday evening, January 1, 1898.

There will be an election of officers tonight in Hyperion lodge and a big attendance is looked for. Let every Knight in Plymouth make it his business to be present. Good officers is half the battle in the success of a lodge. The nominations are all right. Let the members turn out and ratify the same.

It is said that more presents were bought and distributed in Plymouth on Friday and Saturday last, than was ever known before during the Christmas holiday. Nearly every person was remembered in the way of some sort of a Christmas gift.

Tom Rollins, of Dowiac, Mich., enjoyed his Christmas with friends in Plymouth. He left for his home this morning. Tom is doing a good thriving business in that town, and is well pleased with the location. He is just as jolly as in "the days of yore."

Miss Rose Maxwell played two divine selections on the violin in a manner so faultless and with an expression so charming as to bring tears to the eyes of her audience and uplift their souls. Miss Maxwell is certainly remarkable violinist, and it is a pleasure and a privilege to hear her play.—Rockville Tribune. Miss Maxwell will be at the Plymouth opera house Saturday January 1st.

A sleighing party of young friends accompanied Mr. Chryst Stryker and Miss Zehina Hoff of this city and witnessed the beautiful ceremony of their marriage at the M. E. parsonage of the Rev. Smith. Their dinner was in readiness on their return at the bride's home. They go soon to South Bend to make their home where he is employed in the Singer Machine factory. Many friends wish them a happy future.

Frank Thompson, Walter Fox, Chas. Becker, H. R. Wols who are employees of the cycle works arrived in Plymouth today after a two days absence with friends and relatives in Ft. Wayne. The boys had a splendid time and the Independent is very glad to record their presence once again in Plymouth.

Complaints are being filed by some of the citizens who own land north of the city, on account of the hunters trespassing on their land and hunting game, and it is likely some prosecutions will follow. One man called at the Independent office today, and requested that we publish the law bearing on the subject, but as every school boy is familiar with the law, it is not necessary to publish it again.

Col. C. F. Thompson an old Marshall county boy, is visiting his parents and spending the holidays with his old friends. The Colonel is not as young as he used to be, but he still retains that old time fire which will always make him one of the honored boys of Marshall county. Commissioner Jarrell says that the Colonel has prospered in the west, and for all of which we are glad to hear.

Lot Losey was out with Rich Brown Saturday and encountered Carl Reynolds who was driving Mab. A race was the result and one of the finest exhibitions of speed that was ever witnessed on Michigan street took place. Rich was too much for the Queen of the turf.

Every absent husband, son and daughter returned to Plymouth to spend Christmas with the old folks at home.

Mr. Harry Daring of the Laporte Herald was the guest of Mrs. Dora Hansen Saturday and Sunday.

A social hop was given at the opera house Saturday night. At the close of the dance Harry Corbin was presented with a silk umbrella the gift of the club. The presentation speech was made by John Capron.

Porter Kleckner and his wife will reside in South Plymouth until spring when they will move to the country where Mr. Kleckner will be employed by Mr. Mattingly for the next year.

It was an ideal Christmas day and everybody seemed to enjoy it. The sleighing was perfect and every person that had a pair of bob sleds or a cutter brought them into use. There was some lively driving on North Michigan street in the afternoon.

Mr. John Fultz and family of North Manchester were guests of Rev. O. F. Landis and family over Christmas and Sunday, they took the 10:38 train this morning for their home. Mrs. Fultz is a sister of Mr. Landis.

The Christmas entertainment at the U. B. church was good and well attended the church being filled to its utmost capacity. The entire school was treated and a number of the teachers gave presents to their pupils and the pupils to the teachers.

The U. B. Sunday school Sunday was of interest and largely attended. Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: Alonzo Lov, Supt. J. V. VanGilder, asst. Supt. Elsie Chaney, Sec. Cora Windbigler, asst. Sec. Letta Easterday Librarian, Viola McGowen, asst. Lib. Viola Aukerman chorist, Emma Appleman, asst. chor. George Love Treas. Grace North organist, Anna Easterday, asst. organist. This school is in a flourishing condition.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.
Bondurant—Fields.

Saturday at 12 o'clock Rev. Rothenberger joined in wedding Clinton Bondurant and Florence Fields. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Fields, of this city and is well known in the city. The groom is known through out the county as the genial deputy sheriff. The wedding was a quiet one and immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple took the train for Logansport, and returned at noon today and was met by Sheriff Marshall, who escorted them to his residence where a splendid dinner was spread in their honor. The bride is one of the best known young ladies in Plymouth, having been constantly employed in the millinery store of L. Dial for the past few years. She is a young woman of sweet disposition and refinement, and her friends are legion. Anything that is good can be said of Clint. He has served in the capacity of deputy sheriff for the past two years, and a better officer or a more genial gentleman does not live in Plymouth. They have gone to house keeping on Washington street, between Center and Michigan, where Clint had already fitted up a nice home. May success and good luck greet them on every hand is the wish of the Independent.

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Are available on the Nickel Plate road, Dec. 24, 25 and 26, and January 1st, returning until January 4th, 1898.

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The Invitation was Accepted.

The following named gentlemen responded to the invitation printed below, and were present in person, at the office of Dr. Reynolds, on Garro street, Christmas eve. The invitation fully explains the object of the "meeting." Those present were—C. H. Reeve, Chas. Keelson, Sam Parker, Ney Stevens, L. M. Lauer, M. W. Simons, Chas. P. Drummond, Judge Capron, R. A. Chase, Harry Swindell, Daniel McDonald, J. D. McLaren and Dr. Reynolds.

MISTER:

"You are hereby specially—(an owing to views peculiar to myself)—particularly invited to be present at a meeting to be assembled at the office of doctor Reynolds on the evening of December 24, 1897, between the hours of 8 and 11 p. m. You are further notified that this to be a social sweet doings where dandified close with nice smokin bakase and things on 'em (for coo) cut a great fig; as no wimmin will be present at this meetin which is somewhat for organisashun; a wimmin and much on organisashun, cept in there peculier way. Won of the numerous obj x uv this meetin is fur the purpos uv makin out way things ar as the bee, an how they come so; an as on this there will be readin from riters as think the hav a smuch, all pres nt ar expected to hav there thinn caps with them, further this meetin ma bee called upon to xpres whether it will meet agin an it so, in this world or in the necks. In number this meetin will bee a bakers duzen, by axual count electeds on the darwin ide, whin to kinder like trates, uv not speakin unies the say sumthin. Thereby it is hope this meetin ma evoloot into sumthin worthy uv creism (the uv coase that kud bee later.) Lite consupitives all be tre as water, consist in uv meler sider, snell barks, apples, donuts, and sich. As to orer, the darwin ide will prevale to the end that all readin and listenin, absorb in adigestin uv the others lies be dan quietly thotfully and fairly; as the others wil not be present liscally to fight for themselves; this order will last til all are willing to call from labor to refreshment when the aght consupitives ma be discussed at which tyme the hylarities that ma evoloot will be in order an it ma be aded hear that this line uv doins ma bare repeitin etc. etc. After all the readin and speakin and evolootin is ex-austed the botom uv terbacker wil be indulged in which ma pervoke further diskussion uv the survival uv the fittest. P. S. Now be sure an kum an ify kant kum yar argyments as regreets aint sientidk.

By Order uv the Inventers.

M. E. Church Notes.

Two beautiful evergreens united by a graceful arch all ablaze with lighted candles and hung with boxes of candy delighted the eyes of the children on Christmas eve. The singing was all pertinent to the occasion and was entered into with joy.

The pastor and superintendent each gave brief addresses. The treat consisted mainly of home made candy of fine quality and the entire exercises seemed to give complete satisfaction.

The Sunday School closed the year yesterday with full attendance.

The Sunday School board will meet at 7:30 Wednesday for reorganization.

The Old, Old Story.

Grovetown is all broke up and gossip is running high down in that little village. One woman with three bright children has gone wrong and one husband is broken hearted. The husband is one of the best known men in this part of the country. The lady got too thick with a friend of her husband, the old story follows as a result. We do no care to go into details yet we have them as related by a citizen of that village. There is a "hot time in Grovetown tonight."

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing kidney and bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by G. Blain & Co., Plymouth.

Holiday Excursions via Vandalia Line.

For the Holidays the Vandalia line will sell excursion tickets at reduced fares from all stations, to local points on its own line, and also to points on connecting lines. For full particulars call on nearest Vandalia line ticket agent, or address

E. A. FORD, Gen'l Pass. Ag't., St. Louis, Mo.

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EDUCATION AMONG INDIANS.

Many of the Students at Carlisle Show a Capacity for Knowledge.

From the New York Post: That the Indian has a capacity for higher education appears from the facts given in the eighteenth annual report of the Indian industrial school at Carlisle, Pa. During the past year five students from Carlisle have attended Dickinson college, one at Metzger college for women. Others have attended the Carlisle high school, some have been at the normal schools of Philadelphia and the nurses' schools of Philadelphia, New Haven and Hartford. One of the pupils, after graduating from a New England normal school, was employed last year in a high school in Connecticut and taught so successfully as to be recalled and given a permanent situation as teacher. Thus far no difficulty has been experienced in placing all those who showed a desire for a higher education than is given at Carlisle. There, for manifold reasons, the education is of a practical industrial character, as best fitted to make the Indian self-supporting in his changed condition. As a further means of inducting the Indian boys and girls into civilized family and national life the outing system has been adopted. During the fiscal year 1897 there were placed out from the Carlisle school for longer or shorter periods 401 boys and 319 girls. Of these 104 boys and 101 girls remained out all winter, attending district and other Americanizing schools with the young people of the families in which they resided, earning their board with their work out of school hours. By an extension of this system the school could economically care for 1,500 children, or about twice the present number enrolled. The children placed with families last year earned a total of \$20,448.39, of which the boys earned \$13,185.27 and the girls \$7,263.12. From these amounts the boys saved \$6,426.03 and the girls \$3,288.21. Boys and girls who have been out a number of times have acquired the ability to earn full wages.

THEIRS FOR 500 YEARS.

Farm in Norway Which Has Been Owned by One Family Since 1381.

The Freeman of Webster City, Iowa, says: "Last Saturday morning J. E. Sogard received a remarkably interesting document from Christiania, Norway, and one which he prizes very highly. It came from the government museum at Christiania, and is an exact copy of two deeds of very ancient date, the original deeds having been preserved and placed on exhibition in the museum. The deeds are for a certain farm which the Sogard family has possessed for centuries and upon which two of his brothers—Simon of Webster City and John of Iowa City—were born. The first deed is dated July 1, 1381, or more than 500 years ago. A better realization of the age of this deed is had when it is remembered that the Sogard family was in possession of the farm more than 100 years before Columbus discovered America, and it is probable that their ownership dates much farther back than is shown by this deed. The later instrument was executed in 1548, nearly seventy-five years before the landing of the pilgrim fathers at Plymouth." A gentleman from a neighboring town tells the Troy Times that he has seen the ancient document alluded to, but was unable to read it, as it is written in the Norwegian language. He adds that the property is in the town of Oalen, near the town of Hamar, and that the largest city near the place is Christiania, and that the document states it is given in the reign of King Hakon, by the grace of God king of Norway and Sweden.

UNSPOILED MAN.

This Shows How Admirable He Is Before Civilization Touches Him.

According to the mail news from the west coast of Africa, it is reported from the Kittam Boom river that a "Human Alligator" society infests its banks. Fishermen and boatmen have been enticed from their canoes by the members of the society, who, after murdering them and stealing their belongings, feasted on their bodies. One man who was enticed onto the river bank, when fallen on by the "human alligators," killed one of his assailants and wounded two others, but was himself eventually killed and eaten, excepting one of his legs, which was found in the river and identified by some marks upon it. So common were the outrages becoming in the district that the attention of the authorities was being drawn to the matter.

The Clerk Fainted.

A young lady whose sense of shame would not permit her to address a certain unmarried clerk in ordinary English, called for a pair of garters thus: "It is my desire to obtain a pair of circular elastic appendages and expanded by means of oscillating burnished steel appliances that sparkle like particles of gold leaf set with Alaska diamonds and which are utilized for keeping in position the habiliments of the lower extremities which inate delicacy forbids me to mention." The clerk fainted.

Forgot Who It Was.

A small boy in a neighboring town was being gotten ready to go to Sunday school for the first time. His mother told him the teacher would ask him who made him and he must answer "God." And sure enough, about the first thing the teacher asked him was: "Johnnie, who made you?" The little chap hesitated a moment and then said: "I have forgotten the gentleman's name, but it wasn't papa."

A SWELL FUNCTION.

They "Do Things Up In Style" in Kansas Society.

Descriptions of receptions and parties as they appear in newspapers are invariably criticised, although every precaution is taken to represent them as agreeably and truthfully as possible, says the Atchison Globe. Mrs. D. W. Dinwiddle's reception yesterday afternoon was an exact counterpart of similar functions given by Atchison society every few days. We give as truthful a representation as possible. Mrs. Dinwiddle received in her wedding gown, originally a white satin, which had been made over with the new shade of geranium velvet. Mrs. Dinwiddle was assisted by Mrs. John Thompkins, who wore the same organdie gown which has been so frequently described in these columns. Great surprise was manifested, quietly, among the guests to find the Misses Skylark also receiving. Mrs. Dinwiddle barely knows them (so her guests remarked after they left), but their social standing is so high, and their gowns always so pretty, that she allowed the bounds of mere acquaintanceship to be overstepped for this occasion. In the parlor were three palms and a few straggling roses were in a vase on the piano. The dining room was decorated with the conventional smilax and ribbon, trained from the hanging lamp to the table. Miss Kyern and her guest, Miss DeSmythe served the coffee, which was cold. In the back parlor Mrs. G. Y. Dalrymple dispensed the warm and melted ices. Miss Daisee Fallair and Miss Sara Ainsie officiated at the punch bowl, where the red lemonade was voted better than usual. Nine or ten violets were scattered on the table, and the effect was striking. Considerable regret was expressed that Miss Mae Chainey's services could not be procured, as she is always a drawing card at receptions, because of her spicy gossip. Mrs. Dinwiddle used the remainder of her refreshments at a whist party last night.

APPEAL OF A TOPEKA GIRL.

Asks Others to Stop Offering Liquor to Young Men.

"Lead them not into temptation," is the cry of Miss Olivia Van Tassel, a leader in Topeka society, who has created a sensation by declaring that the young society women of the town are luring young men to ruin by offering them drink when they come into their homes. Miss Van Tassel charges the downfall of one young man to this custom, and she has made an appeal to the society women of Topeka to put away their wine decanters and assist in saving the young men from drunkards' graves. She says: "I think it is just awful the way wine is served to young men by some of the society women of Topeka. One young man has been ruined by this practice, and others are on the road to ruin. These society young women are responsible for their downfall. It is amazing that so many of the young women of this town do not object to the young men drinking liquor, and it is still more shocking to know that many of the young women drink liquor themselves." Miss Van Tassel will carry her war into the churches and will appeal to the parents to throw the nasty stuff into the gutters.

CURIOSITY OF MONKEYS.

One Who Was Inquisitive in Regard to Home-Brewed Ale.

Curiosity seems to be the great failure, or virtue, of monkeys. A story is told of an Englishman who had a South African monkey which had traveled with him around the world. When his bachelor days were over he took his young wife to a lovely old manor house in the south of England, and Englishmanlike, kept several barrels of good "home-brewed" ale in the cellar. On returning from church on Sunday morning he noticed that the cellar door was open, and started on a tour of investigation. As he went down the steps Jenny, the monkey, rushed up, and he found that she had set all the spigots running. The door had been inadvertently left open, and Jenny, doubtless, went prying into the semi-lighted place. Turning one spigot on produced such a rushing stream that she tried the others also, much to the waste of the liquor. It may be added that when the Englishman's first-born appeared and monopolized attention, Jenny got such a fit of jealousy that she was at once sent to the secluded but more congenial society to be found in the monkey house of the London Zoological Gardens.

Tallest of All Trees.

In New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania grows a species of gum tree—eucalyptus amygdalina is its scientific name—which Sir F. Von Mueller says probably represents "the tallest of all trees of the globe." The loftiest specimen of this tree yet measured towers to the height of 471 feet. A prostrate tree, measured in Victoria, was 420 feet long, and the distance from the roots to the lowest branch was 295 feet. At that point the trunk was 4 feet in diameter, and 360 feet from the butt the diameter was still 3 feet. The wood of this tree is hard and of good quality; it grows quickly, and yields a great quantity of volatile oil from its leaves, which are very abundant.

Placing the Blame.

Patron (just finding standing room on an overloaded street car)—I think this company should be stopped from overloading its cars this way. Conductor—Please, sir, the company don't overload them. It's the people gettin' on after the car is full.

"ANGEL OF THE STEERAGE."

Name Given to the Daughter of a Rich Amsterdam Furrier.

On her latest trip from Amsterdam to New York the ocean liner Werken-dam had for a steerage passenger a young woman whose air, manner and speech clearly showed that she would have been entirely at home among the saloon passengers. This was Miss Marie Lowenthal, and she traveled among the poor with the sole object of having a greater opportunity to cheer and help them during the voyage across the Atlantic. On the trip she earned the title "queen of the steerage," and as she stepped ashore she was followed by hearty exclamations of "God bless you!" Hers was a conspicuous figure as she stood among the crowd of steerage passengers, most of whom had the round contented faces which one associates with Dutch people. Young and beautiful, she wore costly furs over a gown of silk. She comes to this country on business for her father, who is one of the richest furriers in Amsterdam. His confidence in his daughter's business judgment is shown by the fact that he trusts to her care the conclusion of a heavy deal in which she is interested. Though a steerage passenger, she dressed in style showing that her modiste is thoroughly up to date. Captain De Vries gazed admiringly after Miss Lowenthal as she calmly walked ashore, unmindful of the astonishment caused by her appearance among the poor immigrants. "She is the angel of the steerage," he said. "Of course, she does not have to travel that way, but she prefers to do it, partly because she wished to save money, and partly to be among the poorer folk, whom it is her delight to serve. Stingy? Not a bit of it. Miss Marie Lowenthal is one of the most generous women alive. It is her delight to give to others, to relieve distress. She has a large allowance, but spends most of it in helping the poor. She spends her life among them and is looked upon as a sort of guardian angel by the poor of her native city. One of her fads is to travel as cheaply as possible in order to save money for philanthropic work. That is why she has come over in the steerage. She has crossed the ocean several times that way, and if you could see all she does for the poor, frightened emigrants you would not wonder that they call her the angel of the steerage."

WHIST IN THE CHURCH.

What Card Playing Has Done for One Town.

And that's what's the matter with Emporia—too much whist. The painted china set is married to cards. Women have no higher thought from week's end to week's end than winning head prizes, says the Emporia (Kas.) Gazette. They grow nervous, irascible, bad-tempered and ugly playing cards. Little crow's feet appear at the corners of their eyes after an evening with whist, and deep, vertical lines plow themselves just above their noses. There are more plain women in Emporia who lost their bloom at the rented card tables than there are women who have worn themselves out over the kitchen stove. It is worry, not work, that makes women fade and cards are sapping the juice out of the town. Only the young people patronize the public library. The old folks make "What's trumpy?" the chief end of man. Cards have invaded the churches. One church has a big factional row looming upon the horizon because the pastor has jumped cards. Another church narrowly avoided it last winter. A third pastor sees his best customers whooping it up in whist clubs and hasn't the nerve to say a word. In the meantime poker rooms, which are just as improving and elevating and just as helpful to the town as whist clubs, have been opened on Commercial street, and the town is enjoying the fruit of the seed the women have planted.

Plants Which Give Light.

There are a number of plants and flowers which give out a phosphorescent light in the dark. Linnaeus first noticed this phenomenon in the common nasturtium, whose flowers seemed to him to have a faint iridescence at night. Later observations by others showed that the light was stronger after very sunny days. Among other plants which possess this singular property are the marsh lily and the fraxinella. The last named secretes a volatile oil which oozes out during hot weather, spreads in a thin layer over the flowers, and forms a vapor which becomes luminous in the darkness. In the coal mines near Dresden grows a species of fungus which "exhibits the appearance of luminous festoons of shifting colors."

She Had Time to Kill.

"I trust, Miss Cutting," remarked young Borem, as he rose to depart after a prolonged stay, "that I have not taken up too much of your valuable time." "Not at all, Mr. Borem," replied the fair damsel, "the time you have taken up has been of no value to me whatever, I assure you." Then he went forth into the night and wandered slowly down the street, wrapped in a heavy mantle of thought.

Tambourines Get the Marble Heart.

Ballington Booth has decreed that no more Volunteers of America need play the tambourine when saving souls. The bass drum, however, still holds its own.

Returned the Pension.

Rev. L. J. Keith, of Vincennes, Ind., has returned a pension of \$495.86 to the government, saying that the allowance was not well based.